

Claire Bailey Director

Mike Beebe Governor

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Federal Communications Commission Wireline Competition Bureau VIA: Electronic Filing System

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RE: Appeal Form 486 Service Start Date

Entity Number: 157107

Dear Sirs;

The State of Arkansas Department of Information Systems (DIS) requests the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) grant this appeal to correct the service start date on Funding Request Number (FRN) 1820367. The Form 486 was filed prior to the October 29<sup>th</sup> deadline but the incorrect service start date was entered in the Form 486. The service start date was entered as 07/01/2010 instead of the correct date 07/01/2009. Because of this ministerial/clerical error the reimbursement request for the FRN was zero funded.

On February 3, 2011 an appeal was filed with the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) on the zero funding of the reimbursement request; stating the information as described above. On February 15, 2011 the SLD denied the appeal. The denial was based on the fact that the appeal was not received within 60 days of the date of the Form 486 Notification Letter. It is evident by the number of other Form 486s filed by the DIS that this was a simple clerical error that was not caught in time to appeal the change in service start date in the Form 486 approval letter. The appeal was filed within the allowable 60 day timeline of the zero funded reimbursement request. The SLD should be able to cross reference the service start date and the reimbursement request, understand the error and correct both based on the appeal filed on the reimbursement request decision.

The affected Program Year 2009/2010 FRN is listed below:

Application number: 666699 FRN: 1820367 Service Provider: AT&T Corp SPIN: 143022137

Reimbursement Request: \$ 229,044.14

SSD entered on 486 07/01/2010 Correct SSD: 07/01/2009

DIS respectfully requests that the FCC grant the appeal and change the service start date to the appropriate funding year. If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact me. I can be reached either by phone at 501-682-4003 or via email, <a href="mailto:becky.rains@arkansas.gov">becky.rains@arkansas.gov</a>.

Sincerely;

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